

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7479–S7496*

**Measures Introduced:** One bill and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2206, S.J. Res. 23–24, and S. Res. 296–298. **Page S7491**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 2123, to reform sentencing laws and correctional institutions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7491**

**Measures Passed:**

**Wounded Warriors Federal Leave Act:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 313, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide leave to any new Federal employee who is a veteran with a service-connected disability rated at 30 percent or more for purposes of undergoing medical treatment for such disability, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7495**

**Improving Regulatory Transparency for New Medical Therapies Act:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 639, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7495**

Portman (for Alexander) Amendment No. 2748, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7495**

**Congratulating the Minnesota Lynx:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 297, congratulating the Minnesota Lynx on their victory in the 2015 Women's National Basketball Association Finals. **Page S7495**

**Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, Senate resume consideration of S. 754, to improve cybersecurity in the

United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, with the time until 11 a.m., equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, that there be two minutes of debate equally divided prior to each vote, and that all votes after the first vote in each series be 10 minutes each. **Page S7496**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 88 yeas (Vote No. EX. 284), Lawrence Joseph Vilardo, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York. **Pages S7486–88, S7496**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S7489**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S7489**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:** **Pages S7479, S7489**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:** **Page S7489**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S7492–94**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S7488–89**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S7494–95**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—284) **Page S7488**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:13 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S7495–96.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 6 public bills, H.R. 3828–3833; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 71–72; H. Con. Res. 87; and H.Res. 492–493 were introduced. **Pages H7188–89**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H7189–90**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1317, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify how clearing requirements apply to certain affiliate transactions, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–311, Part 1);

H.R. 1338, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on matters relating to the burial of unclaimed remains of veterans in national cemeteries, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–312); and

H. Res. 491, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1090) to amend the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to provide protections for retail customers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–313). **Page H7188**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Dold to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7177**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H7177**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:03 p.m. and reconvened at 6:32 p.m. **Page H7178**

**Motion to discharge committee:** Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XV, Representative Fincher called up Motion No. 2, to discharge the Committee on Rules from the further consideration of H. Res. 450, providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 597) to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States. Subsequently, the House agreed to the motion to discharge the Committee on Rules by a yeand-nay vote of 246 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 569. **Pages H7178–82**

**Reform Exports and Expand the American Economy Act—Rule for consideration:** The House began consideration of H. Res. 450, providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 597) to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H7182–83**

**Suspension:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

**READ Act:** H.R. 3033, amended, to require the President's annual budget request to Congress each

year to include a line item for the Research in Disabilities Education program of the National Science Foundation and to require the National Science Foundation to conduct research on dyslexia. **Pages H7184–87**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7178.

**Senate Referral:** S. 1493 was held at the desk. **Page H7178**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yeand-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H7182. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### RETAIL INVESTOR PROTECTION ACT

**Committee on Rules:** Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1090, the "Retail Investor Protection Act". The committee granted, by record vote of 9–3, a structured rule for H.R. 1090. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–31 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, if offered by Representative Lynch of Massachusetts, or his designee, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hensarling and Representative Maxine Waters of California.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1104)

H.R. 3116, to extend by 15 years the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the quarterly financial report program. Signed on October 22, 2015. (Public Law 114–72)

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,  
OCTOBER 27, 2015**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

*Committee on Armed Services*: to hold hearings to examine United States military strategy in the Middle East, 9 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation*: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, Time to be announced, S–207, Capitol.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation, and Enforcement’s proposed Stream Protection Rule, 9 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Finance*: to hold hearings to examine the Internal Revenue Service’s response to Committee recommendations contained in its August 5, 2015 report, 9 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: to receive a closed briefing on the Administration’s response to the Syrian conflict, 9:30 a.m., SVC–217.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH–219.

**House**

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Nutrition, hearing entitled “Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: Breaking the Cycle”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Shortening the Defense Acquisition Cycle”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled “Game Changers—Undersea Warfare”, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled “Improving Career and Technical Education to Help Students Succeed in the Workforce”, 10 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Common Carrier Regulation of the Internet: Investment Impacts”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled “E-manifest: An Update on Implementation”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “The Global Crisis of Religious Freedom”, 12:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled “Examining the Syrian Humanitarian Crisis from the Ground, Part II”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration*, Full Committee, markup on a committee resolution amending Committee regulations to permit officially-sanctioned competitions, 11 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3279, the “Open Book on Equal Access to Justice Act”; and H.R. 2834, to enact certain laws relating to the environment as title 55, United States Code, “Environment”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Information Technology; and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, joint hearing entitled “VA and DoD IT: Electronic Health Records Interoperability”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Review of Progress by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Science and Technology Directorate”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce, hearing entitled “Maximizing Mentoring: How are the SBA and DoD Mentor-Protégé Programs Serving Small Businesses?”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Prevention of and Response to the Arrival of a Dirty Bomb at a U.S. Port”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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**CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD**

**Week of October 27 through October 30, 2015**

**Senate Chamber**

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 10 a.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 754, Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act. At approximately 11 a.m., Senate will vote on or in relation to a series of amendments to the bill. At 4 p.m., Senate will continue to vote on or in relation to amendments to the bill, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, and then a vote on final passage of the bill.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

**Senate Committees**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Appropriations*: October 28, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine unmanned aircraft systems and the steps being taken to successfully integrate this technology into our National Airspace System, 10 a.m., SD–192.

October 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine realizing the potential of the Department of Energy national laboratories, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* October 27, to hold hearings to examine United States military strategy in the Middle East, 9 a.m., SD-G50.

October 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine alternative approaches to defense strategy and force structure, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* October 28, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine the state of rural banking, focusing on challenges and consequences, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* October 27, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, Time to be announced, S-207, Capitol.

October 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jessica Rosenworcel, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2015, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* October 27, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation, and Enforcement's proposed Stream Protection Rule, 9 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* October 27, to hold hearings to examine the Internal Revenue Service's response to Committee recommendations contained in its August 5, 2015 report, 9 a.m., SD-215.

October 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine welfare and poverty in America, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* October 27, to receive a closed briefing on the Administration's response to the Syrian conflict, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

October 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the United States role and strategy in the Middle East, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

October 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Peter William Bodde, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Libya, Marc Jonathan Sievers, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, Elisabeth I. Millard, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, and Kenneth Damian Ward, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, all of the Department of State, and John Morton, of Massachusetts, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 3:30 p.m., SD-419.

October 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs), 10 a.m., SD-419.

October 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on October 2, 1996, signed on September 23, 2009, at Washington, as cor-

rected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on September 23, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 112-01), protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the "proposed Protocol") and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111-08), convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Hungary for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 4, 2010, at Budapest (the "proposed Convention") and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on February 4, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 111-07), the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Chile for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed in Washington on February 4, 2010, with a Protocol signed the same day, as corrected by exchanges of notes effected February 25, 2011, and February 10 and 21, 2012, and a related agreement effected by exchange of notes (the "related Agreement") on February 4, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 112-08), the Protocol Amending the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters, done at Paris on May 27, 2010 (the "proposed Protocol"), which was signed by the United States on May 27, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 112-05), the Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and its Protocol, signed at Madrid on February 22, 1990 (Treaty Doc. 113-04), the Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Poland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 13, 2013, at Warsaw (Treaty Doc. 113-05), and the Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and a related agreement entered into by an exchange of notes (together the "proposed Protocol"), both signed on January 24, 2013, at Washington, together with correcting notes exchanged March 9 and March 29, 2013 (Treaty Doc. 114-01), 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* October 28, Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security, to hold hearings to examine retirement plan options for small businesses, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

October 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine mental health and substance use disorders in America, focusing on priorities, challenges, and opportunities, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* October 28, to hold hearings to examine the state of our nation's biodefense, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* October 29, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* October 28, to hold hearings to examine Department of Veterans Affairs mental health, focusing on ensuring access to care, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* October 27, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

October 29, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* October 28, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Big Data and Agriculture: Innovation and Implications", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services,* October 28, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled "Transition Assistance Program—A Unity of Effort", 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

October 28, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, hearing entitled "Assessing DOD's Assured Access to Micro-Electronics in Support of U.S. National Security Requirements", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* October 28, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Restoring the Trust for America's Most Vulnerable", 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* October 28, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3459, the "Protecting Local Business Opportunity Act", 10 a.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* October 28, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Breaking Down Barriers to Broadband Infrastructure Deployment", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

October 28, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled "Update on Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Issues"; markup on S. 611, the "Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* October 28, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled "Terror Inmates: Countering Violent Extremism in Prison and Beyond", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* October 28, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the United States Department of Justice", 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* October 28, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on a discussion draft of the "Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Modernization Act", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

October 28, Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 3764, the "Tribal Recognition Act of 2015", 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

October 28, Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 1219, the "Arbuckle Project Maintenance Complex and District Office Conveyance Act of 2015; H.R. 1296, to amend the San Luis Rey Indian Water Rights Settlement Act to clarify certain settlement terms, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3062, the "Assuring Private Property Rights Over Vast Access to Land (APPROVAL) Act", 2:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* October 28, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled "Radicalization: Social Media and the Rise of Terrorism", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,* October 28, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled "A Review of the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, October 27

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, October 27

## Senate Chamber

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*(Senate will recess following the vote on or in relation to Feinstein (for Franken) Further Modified Amendment No. 2612 (to Amendment No. 2716), until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** To be announced.

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